Let us begin this work for healing and justice by entering into a place of peace and prayer together:

Creator, to you we give thanks in all you bring And ask for your guidance as we prepare to open our hearts and minds. Within this sacred circle, Jesus Christ is our center in all we do. Help us to speak with honor and respect to all people and be open to the teachings we are given. As we walk this sacred journey together with our relations, open our eyes to understanding, and the strength to truly see the way to live with compassion, love and grace, For with your Spirit can we face the winds together. Amen.

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